

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:00pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, Paul Boothroyd, John Courville, Ann Gibson, and Brion Berghaus.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Priscilla Sandberg, Paul Lesage and John Brandon

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18th meeting. It was seconded by Paul and approved.

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th special meeting. After they were amended regarding a status report about historical marker development, Ellen made a new motion for approval that was seconded by Paul and approved.

CURRENT TOPICS

Historically Significant Properties List 1 [EXHIBIT]:

Cleanup of 2019 version (addresses/deletions) led by Jack and Ann. The following were noted:

#1 remove barn from S. P. Brooks house listing

#6 W. Parker House-marker refused

#7 Powdermill workers' house date is 1835

#8 “

#9 L. Brigham house has its own marker

#10 G. F. Brown House- has a marker now

#11 Lucius Maynard house-carriage house foundation only

#12 Assabet Mfg. Co./American Woolen Co./Digital Equipment Corp. Complex at 9 Mill & Main Pl.,
1846-1918 [remove “Woolen Mill”, “146 Main St., and “Began 1847”]

#13 A. Maynard House [eliminate “(1st)”], 1850

#14 St. Bridget's Church, 1881

#14a. St. Bridget's Rectory [eliminate “Abel Haynes House”]

#15 Masonic Block/Maynard's Block, 98-100 Main St., 1888. No marker to date

#16 W. B. Case Block, Annex, 1892

#17 C, M & H Street Railway Powerhouse/St. Casimir Church, 1926

#20 Erikson's Dairy Building, Ice Cream Stand and House [added]

#23 Holy Annunciation Church, 1916

#25 Lorenzo Maynard House (2nd) [added]

#27 United Methodist Church, 2 Summer St. -has a marker (?)

#28 Cleary & Williams Dry Goods & Millinery/Pleasant Cafe

#30 Mission Evangelical Congregational Church- has a marker now

#33 W. Smith house/Maynard Almshouse, Hearse House- does not have a marker pending

#35 Nancy and Haman Smith House, Barn- has a marker now

#39 Assabet Mfg. Co. Worker Housing/John O'Leary House [remove “Early Millworker Housing”], c.1857-
has a marker now

#40 Case House, 4 Maple St.- eliminate

#41 Oldest House on Park St. [#12]- eliminate

#42 A. G. Haynes House (2nd - added)/American Legion Hall
 #44 Turnpike School, 1779
 #46 Nason Street School/Roosevelt School [eliminate "Public Library"], 1892/1918 -has a marker
 #47 Assabet Mill Wool Sorting Shed/Boarding House [eliminate "Original Mill Building"]- marker refused
 #49 Powder Mill Superintendent's House [eliminate "Acton"]- has a marker now
 #50 St. George's Episcopal Church -has a marker now
 #52 William Clary House, c. 1889 - has a marker now
 #53 Buscemi's Grocery Store [eliminate "& Housing"], c. 1889
 #54 Colonial Hall/Woolworth's [eliminate "Woolworth Building, Colonial Theater], 1913
 #55 Assabet Mfg. Co. Worker Row House [eliminate " Mill Worker Row Housing"], 5-19 River St.,c. 1872
 #56 Margaret and Joshua Edwards House, 1893 -has a marker now
 #57 Randall-Hamlin [added] House, c. 1879
 #58 Ben Smith Bridge [eliminate "Ben Smith Dam; Canal"], Great Rd. & Assabet River
 #58a. Ben Smith Dam & Canal, 1846
 #59 Marble Farm Foundation Site- has a marker
 #64 Canal Pump House (from Ben Smith Dam), 1847

Historically Significant Properties List 2 [EXHIBIT]:

Current owners of Historically Significant Properties listed as of June, 2021.
 20 changes of ownership are listed on the Town Assessor's Listing.

Ann will update the current Historically Significant Properties spreadsheets to reflect the changes above.
 MACRIS references will be included with an explanatory note about the meaning of "MAY", and the listings will be renumbered so they are alphabetical by street name.

Further discussion about individual listings' details followed:

#12- Ann proposed that the mill complex buildings should be reviewed individually for HSP listing or not

#16- Jack wants a separate #16a for the Case Block Annex

#17- Should the Powerhouse entry replace St. Casimir's with the Indian Orthodox Church?

#25-#26- Maynard House complex needs further research

#33- W. Smith House/Almshouse needs research and a more complete
MACRIS entry

#40- Case House [removed] needs evaluation

#41- Park St. "oldest house": Jack made a motion to remove it from the List. Paul seconded the motion and it was approved. Should both 12 Park Street and 18-20 Park Street be on the List?

#53- Buscemi's Grocery Store. Do research to determine an accurate name for the building.

Jack and Paul volunteered to be on the research subcommittee.

Resource Notebook on MHC positions and procedures: Jack made a motion to approve the notebook version presented in April. It was seconded by Paul and approved.

CPC Projects for September submission: various ideas were presented.

"Curfew" Bell update: Ellen reported progress on construction of the display table being built by Mark Enneguess. Specifications and cost for a clear box to cover the bell on its table are TBD.

NEW ITEMS

New House Plaques and Historical Markers: Jack and Ann are working with Sign Logic to complete the Commission's order before fiscal year-end.

OTHER

Paul noted that the Jonathan Smith House, 174 Great Road, has a new owner.
Jack will forward Greg Johnson's memo regarding new open meeting procedures to all Commission members

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen, seconded by John C. and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: September 21 (possibly 9/14 instead), and October 19, 2021